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H.R. 4242, TO PROVIDE FOR THE RELEASE AND TRANSFER OF ALL RIGHT, TITLE, AND INTEREST OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN AND TO CERTAIN TRACTS OF LAND IN PENDER COUNTY, N.C.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 1964

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENTAL OVERSIGHT AND
CONSUMER RELATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE.
Washington, D.C.

The subcommittee met at 10 a.m., in room 1310, Longworth House Office Building, the Honorable Paul C. Jones (chairman of the subcommittee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Jones of Missouri, Abernethy, Hagen of California, Johnson of Wisconsin, Matsunaga, Dague, Harvey, and Beermann.

Also present: John Heimbürger, general counsel; Martha Hannah, staff assistant.

Charles E. Brodersen, Office of the General Counsel; and Milton B. Allman, Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. JONES. The subcommittee will come to order.

The first bill we will consider this morning is H.R. 4242, introduced by the gentleman from North Carolina, Mr. Henderson, who is here. (H.R. 4242 by Mr. Henderson follows:)

[H.R. 4242, 88th Cong., 1st sess.]

A BILL To provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the United States of America in and to certain tracts of land in Pender County, North Carolina

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to release and transfer, by quitclaim deed or otherwise, without consideration, to the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, all right, title, and interest retained by the United States of America in and to five parcels or tracts of land and the improvements thereon located in Pender County, North Carolina, conveyed to the said board of education, and more particularly described in the following deeds from the United States of America and the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Incorporated, listed in section 2 of this Act.

SEC. 2. The deeds referred to in the first section of this Act are the following:

(1) The quitclaim deed, dated September 22, 1941, and recorded in book 249, page 397, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Incorporated, to the County Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying .430 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(2) The quitclaim deed, dated December 6, 1941, and recorded in book 229, page 605, of the Pender County Register, Pender County, North Carolina,

from the United States of America to the County Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 23.663 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(3) The correction deed, dated October 24, 1946, and recorded in book 262, page 340, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the County Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 23.663 and .78 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(4) The quitclaim deed, dated June 13, 1945, and recorded in book 255, page 573, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 9.282 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(5) The quitclaim deed, dated January 18, 1946, and recorded in book 257, page 436, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the Pender County Board of Education, conveying 2.584 acres, more or less.

Mr. JONES. We shall be glad to hear from Mr. Henderson.

We also have from the Department Mr. Charles Brodersen, accompanied by Mr. Milton Allman.

Mr. Brodersen is from the Office of the General Counsel and Mr. Allman is the Space and Property Officer.

Proceed, Mr. Henderson.

STATEMENT OF HON. DAVID N. HENDERSON, A REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Mr. HENDERSON. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you and the members of the subcommittee for considering H.R. 4242 and giving me an opportunity to be heard in support of it.

Without going into all of the minute technical details, I will say that the gist of the matter is that back during the 1930's, the Federal Government, under authority of a depression era program no longer in existence, acquired title to certain lands in Pender County, N.C., and developed these lands into what was known as the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association. This was a sort of farm cooperative community where housing was provided to support what amounted to a small village, whose inhabitants worked on the farmlands jointly owned by the association.

By 1941, there appeared to be a need for a school in the immediate area of the Penderlea project and consequently to enable the Pender County Board of Education to build and operate a school in the area, the Federal Government, by a series of conveyances, conveyed some 30-odd acres of the lands to the Pender County Board of Education. The deeds contained language to the effect that the lands were "to be used for public school and community purposes only." The deeds likewise reserved mineral rights to the United States.

Except for some $2\frac{1}{5}$ acres, this land is still all owned by the Pender County Board of Education. By special authorization of the North Carolina General Assembly, the Pender County Board of Education was permitted to convey and did purport to convey a $2\frac{1}{5}$ -acre tract of the land to the Penderlea Baptist Church, which in good faith proceeded to make considerable improvements thereon.

The current situation is that the title to that portion of the property owned by the church is confused, and the county board of education is severely restricted as to the use it can make of the remaining property.

H.R. 4242 would authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the Pender County, N.C., Board of Education all retained interest of the Federal Government in and to these lands.

The Departments of Agriculture and Interior have approved this bill with suggested amendments. The amendments would delete the phrase "without consideration" and provide for Pender County to pay to the United States the fair value of the mineral rights which the United States retained. They would also provide for Pender County to pay the administrative costs incurred in effectuating the transfer.

I have no objection, Mr. Chairman. In fact, I consider the amendments wise and an improvement to the bill.

The U.S. Government has no real claim or title to these lands other than the mineral rights. The language in the initial deeds is not sufficient, under North Carolina law, to provide for a reverter of the lands if they should cease to be used "for public school and community purposes"; but it raises a sufficient cloud on the title that a title attorney could not certify it for purposes of a loan or sale. If the bill is amended to provide for the county to pay the value of retained mineral rights to the Federal Government, and administrative costs, the Government will not be conveying away anything of value, but will simply remove a cloud on the title to the property.

I ask that the report from the Department of Agriculture as submitted to Chairman Cooley be made a part of the record of these hearings.

If you have questions I can answer I will be delighted to respond.

Mr. JONES. The letter from the Department giving its comments and suggesting the amendments will be made part of the record.

(The letter referred to follows:)

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D.C., November 20, 1963.

Hon. HAROLD D. COOLEY,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. COOLEY: This is in reply to your request of May 29, 1963, for a report on H.R. 4242, 88th Congress, 1st session, which would authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey, without consideration, to the Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., all right, title, and interest retained in and to five parcels or tracts of land and the improvements thereon located in Pender County, N.C. These five parcels are more particularly described in the following deeds. Four of them were conveyed by the United States to the said board of education and one was conveyed by the United States to the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Inc.

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The above described property was a part of the Old Penderlea Homestead project and was a part of lands conveyed to the United States by deed from the Federal Subsistence Homestead Corporation, dated June 15, 1935, recorded in book 180, page 565 in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pender County, N.C.

The property described in deed (1) was conveyed to the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Inc., by deed dated July 8, 1941. This deed contained various restrictions on the use and disposal of the property and reserved unto the United States all the oil, gas, coal, and other minerals of whatsoever nature upon, in or under the property, together with the usual mining rights.

Deeds (2) and (3) reserved unto the United States all the oil, gas, coal, and other minerals of whatsoever nature. Deed (4) reserved to the United States (a) all oil and gas, coal and other minerals except as may have heretofore been vested in others and (b) water and sewer pipelines and related equipment. Deed (5) reserved unto the United States (a) three-fourths of all oil, gas, coal, and other mineral rights and (b) the water and sewer pipelines and related equipment. These reserved mineral interests have been transferred to the Department of the Interior pursuant to Public Law 760, 81st Congress (7 U.S.C. 1033-1039).

The property described in the above deeds were conveyed by the United States to be used for public school and community purposes only. Our files show that the recording information set forth in the bill on deeds (2), (4), and (5) is correct. They do not show the recording information on deeds (1) and (3) but we assume that the bill shows the correct books and pages. We do not have a copy of deed (1).

The water and sewer pipelines and related equipment retained by the Government in deeds (4) and (5) were quitclaimed by the Government to the Dextdale North Carolina Co. by deed dated March 21, 1946, filed for record on April 4, 1946, in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pender County, N.C., and recorded in book 257, at page 529 in that office. Accordingly, we construe H.R. 4242 as providing for release and transfer of the right, title, and interest presently owned by the Government.

A 2½-acre parcel of deed (4) property was conveyed by the board of education to the trustees of the Penderlea Baptist Church by deed dated April 12, 1947. This conveyance was made pursuant to chapter 179 (H.B. 334) 1947 Session Laws of North Carolina, for a consideration of \$1. The conveyance was made subject to all of the restrictions, provisions and other terms and limitations contained in deed (4), but was executed without approval by the Government. It is our understanding that the church has made some improvements on the 2½-acre tract. If H.R. 4242 is enacted, the Department of Agriculture would negotiate with and convey to the board of education all of the Government's presently owned rights and interests in the tracts covered by the five deeds first described above, including those in the 2½-acre tract. This would enable the board of education to carry out any commitments it may have with the church with respect to the retained interests so acquired by the board in the 2½-acre tract.

This Department favors enactment of the bill with respect to the retained interests under its jurisdiction and concurs in the recommendation made by the Department of the Interior in its letter of October 11, 1963, to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, that the bill be amended as follows:

"(1) On page 1, line 5, delete the following: 'without consideration,'.

"(2) On page 1, line 3, insert after 'directed' the following: "., subject to the requirements of section 3 of this Act,".

"(3) Add a new section reading as follows:

"SEC. 3. No conveyance shall be made under this Act unless the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, pays to the Secretary of Agriculture within one year after notification thereof, the sum of (a) the fair market value of the mineral interests conveyed under this Act, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture as of the effective date of this Act; and (b) such

amount as may be fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse the United States for the administrative costs of the conveyance under this Act.'"

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES S. MURPHY, *Under Secretary.*

Mr. JONES. There is one thing I wondered about, Mr. Henderson. At the time this land was conveyed to the County Board of Education of Pender County it was apparently done in five different deeds. I see they were under different provisions and different deeds had different provisions with regard to retaining mineral and oil rights, and so on.

At the time those were conveyed was there any conversation or any payment made for the land? Do you recall that?

Mr. HENDERSON. Mr. Chairman, I am not informed on that but I am under the impression it would have been a very nominal sum, possibly not covering more than the cost of transfer.

Mr. JONES. Do you know from whom the Federal Government acquired the land in the original instance?

Mr. HENDERSON. The principal acreage acquired was owned by Hugh McCrea, of Wilmington, N.C., but there were parcels owned by local people. This land was all woodland, cutover timberland. There may have been some small acreage which was cleared and farmed prior to the development.

The idea behind the development of the Penderlea Homesteads was to go in, lay out a model farming community. They cleared land and drained this land, put in roads and built very small farmhouses on each of the plots. The 30-acre area we are talking about is where the principal community center was planned and laid out. I have a copy of a map of this Penderlea project. It is rather small and difficult to follow what was there, but right in the center there was proposed a community center for future development.

At the present time this is where the 30 acres for the school was acquired. This is where the Baptist Church has been built on the 2½ acres. There is also a manufacturing plant in that area and the community fire department is located in the central area here.

To specifically answer your question, the Federal Government bought up this entire tract of land from individual owners in the area to develop it as a model farm.

Mr. JONES. What has happened to the main portion of the land?

Mr. HENDERSON. About half of the houses that were built have been moved off or abandoned. The size of the farms vary more than at the time it was first developed. The farmers living there found it was necessary to acquire two or three farms to get an economic unit. We have principally dairy, livestock, some tobacco farms. A good number moved into the poultry and livestock operation, and the farmers there now individually own their farms having acquired them from the Government, and it is a successful farming community.

Mr. JONES. The land involved in this bill, as I see it, is a little over 36 acres, is it not?

Mr. HENDERSON. That is right.

Mr. JONES. All of that would be retained by the Board of Education of Pender County with the exception of the Baptist Church, did you say, which has 2½ acres?

Mr. HENDERSON. That is right, 2½ acres conveyed to the Baptist Church.

Mr. JONES. In other words, it was originally conveyed from the Government to the Board of Education of Pender County, and then they later conveyed it to the church; is that correct?

Mr. HENDERSON. That is correct. As I pointed out in my statement, they went to the General Assembly of North Carolina to get specific authority to convey. I think they thought that would be sufficient to authorize the conveyance.

Of course, a subsequent check raised serious doubts as to title of the property owned by the church.

Mr. JONES. That was on account of the oil and mineral rights?

Mr. HENDERSON. And also the restrictive language in the deeds to the board of education which said: "It shall be used for public schools and community purposes only."

Mr. JONES. In other words, in this title 5, that is the part whereby the quitclaim deed would release this to the Board of Education of Pender County. It would actually clear up the title for the church; is that correct?

Mr. HENDERSON. That is correct. I might say that the request to me to introduce this legislation came from the board of education.

I am informed that subsequent to the enactment of this legislation they will quitclaim, or convey, such title as they did not convey to the Baptist Church.

Mr. JONES. Questions, gentlemen?

Mr. HAGEN. The remainder of this land will be devoted for school purposes?

Mr. HENDERSON. It is now being used for school purposes. They have a very fine campus there. In addition to the main school building they have a building that houses some of the teachers. They have a gymnasium. There is a vocational and educational building on the campus and it is all being used by the Pender County School Board for school purposes.

Mr. HAGEN. If they get this legislation will they continue this use for education?

Mr. HENDERSON. I feel confident they will. Of course, this school serves children in a far greater area than the homestead property itself. It is about 12 miles from the nearest school. I know of no plan at the present time for any changes in the school unless they will consolidate the high schools in that county.

There are no consolidated high schools in the county now. There has been some talk of doing that and this possibly could move out the high school students, but the grammar school still would remain in this building, I am sure, so we can envision for the next 20 to 25 years that they will continue to use this property for school purposes in my opinion.

Mr. HAGEN. You might run into trouble with Senator Morse in the Senate. He has a formula. I have a bill involving some property. He more or less insists the local communities pay the market value.

Mr. HENDERSON. Of course, I will defer to the General Counsel of the Department, but we understand that the only thing of value the Government owns now is the mineral rights, and through amendment

of the bill we are providing they will pay the fair value of the mineral rights. Nobody ever has heard of any mineral rights in this part of North Carolina or anywhere in my district.

Mr. HAGEN. Except getting rid of the restriction. The board of education could sell it for commercial use, could they not?

Mr. HENDERSON. Well, as they did before, I think they would have to have special legislation. It is my understanding that the special legislation they obtained from the general assembly was with regard only to the $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres of land for church purposes.

I think a good argument could be made that even under the restrictive language that conveyance was for community purposes.

Any lawyer, of course, would ask "What is community purposes?" We will have to take our chances with the Senate, as we usually do.

Mr. HAGEN. Maybe we can get my bill passed, too.

Mr. JONES. Further questions?

Mr. ABERNETHY. Is the principal object of this bill to remove a cloud on the title, specifically with regard to mineral rights?

Mr. HENDERSON. The Government has retained the mineral rights.

Mr. ABERNETHY. I realize that.

Mr. HENDERSON. In addition there was restrictive language the property should be used for public school and community purposes only. This will also remove that restrictive——

Mr. ABERNETHY. Did the Government secure the property from private individuals or the board of education?

Mr. HENDERSON. Private individuals.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Since then it has been converted for use in the field of education?

Mr. HENDERSON. That is correct.

I might point out that the reason for the school being needed was because of the Government activity coming in and building up a model community. I was surprised there was restrictive language in the conveyance.

Mr. ABERNETHY. Is this one of those projects where the Government set up a communal-type farm project?

Mr. HENDERSON. It was the Penderlea homestead area.

(Discussion held off the record.)

Mr. ABERNETHY. I was just digging into some history, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Brodersen, have you anything to add?

Mr. BRODERSEN. No. The only comment I might make, I think, is this: We would not agree that the reversionary rights are not valid reversionary rights. We think they are valid reversionary rights which could be exercised if the Government chose to do it.

Mr. JONES. In the event it was used for other purposes; is that correct?

Mr. BRODERSEN. Yes, and I think that would be true with respect to the $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres conveyed to the Baptist Church, and that is the basic reason, as I understand it from what Congressman Henderson said, which led to the introduction of this bill.

I believe that the church intends to further develop its property and was unable to get financing because of the reversionary rights in the deed.

Mr. HENDERSON. I certainly would agree with the Department's position on this. As I say, the request came to me from the Pender County Board of Education.

I have had informal conversations with members of the church and they told me when they went to the board of education to get title cleared they were informed that the board of education could not clear title and the problem was with regard to the reversionary rights.

That is all, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. BRODERSEN. There is one other remark that should be made here. The minerals are no longer under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. JONES. They were transferred to the Department of the Interior.

Mr. BRODERSEN. That is right. That would be the only agency that could speak with regard to their value at this time. We are not familiar with that.

Mr. JONES. Mr. Allman, have you any comment on this?

Mr. ALLMAN. No, sir; other than the sewer and pipelines mentioned in items 4 and 5 later were conveyed in 1946 to the Dexdale North Carolina company. The Government now would have no interest in those.

Mr. JONES. As I understand it from the report of the Department, they are recommending the passage of the bill with the two amendments that are indicated?

Mr. ALLMAN. That is correct.

Mr. HEIMBURGER. Mr. Brodersen, to get this clear, the only interest of the Department of Agriculture in this property at the present time is the reversionary interest which occurs on account of the language in the deeds, is that correct?

Mr. BRODERSEN. That is correct.

Mr. HEIMBURGER. The mineral rights have been transferred to the Department of the Interior but this is a transfer for only administrative purposes, is it not, so a quitclaim deed from the Secretary of Agriculture could also convey the mineral interests?

Mr. BRODERSEN. Under this bill, if enacted, that would be the way it would be handled. In other words, Interior has made a report on this bill. It has not objected to the conveyance being made by the Department of Agriculture. The Department of Agriculture would make the conveyance and would remit to Interior whatever Interior determines to be the value of these Government-owned minerals.

Mr. HEIMBURGER. Let me call your attention to some of the language on page 2. It seems we have a wrong number on a deed registry book.

Item 1: "The quitclaim deed, dated September 22, 1941, and recorded in book 249 of the Pender County Registry."

Item 2: "The quitclaim deed, dated December 6, 1941, and recorded in book 229 of the Pender County Register."

I assume that should be "Registry" rather than "Register," and it seems one of these numbers must be wrong. They seldom go backward in these registry deed books.

Mr. BRODERSEN. It surely looks as though it is wrong. I should think they would both be the same book.

Mr. HEIMBURGER. 249 is my guess from the way the rest of the numbers go.

Here we have a 1945 deed which is item 4, recorded in book 255. Just guessing I would say 229 on line 14, page 2, should be 249.

Have you any way of checking that for us so if we should take action on this bill we can amend it and correct it?

Mr. HENDERSON. I can check it and will be glad to do so.

My resolution from the board of education shows these two but I am not sure of the order of them and my file does not show it.

After we get through this week I will be in that county next week and I will make an actual check and will respond.

Mr. HEIMBURGER. As you are aware, it will be some time after the middle of July before the full committee can take action.

Mr. HENDERSON. I shall see we are absolutely correct with regard to that.

Mr. BRODERSEN. We may have a copy of the deed here. If so we shall supply you with the information in a moment.

Mr. HEIMBURGER. Just so by the time the full committee acts on this we have the correct book number, if this is not correct.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. JONES. If there are no further questions, I want to thank you, Mr. Hendersen, and Mr. Brodersen, and Mr. Allman.

Mr. HENDERSON. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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DIGEST OF PUBLIC LAW 88-544

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N. C.

Authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to sell at fair market value to the Board of Education of Pender County, N. C., reserved mineral interests in five parcels of land located in Pender County so that the school board would have a clear title to the tracts. These parcels, which were formerly under the jurisdiction of the Farmers Home administration, were conveyed to the board of education under quitclaim deeds that retained certain mineral interests to the U. S.

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H. R. 4242

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 1963

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9 improvements thereon located in Pender County, North
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By Mr. HENDERSON

FEBRUARY 26, 1963

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture

July 1, 1962

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23. FLOOD CONTROL; WATERSHEDS. The Foreign Affairs Committee reported with amendment, S. 2370; to authorize maintenance of flood and arroyo sediment control dam and related works to facilitate Rio Grande canalization project and to authorize appropriations for this purpose (H. Rept. 1533); and H. R. 7419, to maintain flood control work on the lower Colorado river (H. Rept. 1534). p. 15131
24. RECLAMATION. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) S. J. Res. 49, with amendment, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a continuing program to reduce non-beneficial consumptive use of water in the Pecos River Basin, N. Mex. and Tex.; and H. R. 3672, with amendment, to provide for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the Savery-Pot Hook, Bostwick Park, and Fruitland Mesa participating reclamation projects under the Colorado River Storage Project Act. p. D539.
25. ELECTRIFICATION. Rep. Bow commended and inserted a paper prepared by the Critical Issues Council of the Republican Citizens Committee entitled, "Resources and the Future: Energy." p. 15114
26. ECONOMIC CONVERSION. Rep. Rodino discussed and urged the establishment of an Economic Conversion Commission. pp. 15087-95
27. ADJOURNMENT. Rep. Albert announced "it will be our intention to move to adjourn at the close of business tomorrow (Thurs., July 2) over until July 20." p. 15028

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28. SUGAR. Extension of remarks of Rep. May stating that marketing quotas for domestic sugar producers must be increased this year and inserting remarks of Reps. Hagen and Short on this subject. pp. A3607-8
29. ECONOMY. Extension of remarks of Rep. Murphy inserting an article, "Inflation Checked As Fiscal Year 1964 Ends," which gives credit for this success to the "positive leadership" of this administration. p. A3611
30. WHEAT. Extension of remarks of Rep. Cooley outlining benefits of the new voluntary certificate wheat program and inserting a letter from this Department on actions taken to implement the program. pp. A3613-4, A3637-8
31. POVERTY. Rep. Goodell inserted an article on the need for local participation and planning in the battle against poverty. pp. A3621-2
Extension of remarks of Sen. Williams, N. J., stating that economic circumstance bars the way to a high school education for over one-third of the young people which in turn creates a "terrifying" trend of poverty. pp. A3636-7
32. FARM PROGRAM. Extension of remarks of Rep. Goodling criticizing the farm program and stating that "the old law of supply and demand might be a better solution than any yet devised by bureaucrats." p. A3622
33. APPROPRIATIONS; RESEARCH. Rep. Beckworth inserted this Department's letter requesting additional funds for screw-worm eradication and discussing problems of cattlemen due to increase in domestic production and meat imports. p. A3628
34. DAIRY PROGRAM. Rep. Quie inserted the transcript of a radio broadcast opposing proposed dairy bills and stating that "The administration push is on for an increase in dairy price supports in this election year." p. A3631

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35. DAIRY. H. R. 11869, by Rep. Whalley, to indemnify dairy farmers; to the Agriculture Committee.
36. PERSONNEL. H. R. 11878, by Rep. Mathias, to amend the Civil Service Retirement Act to provide for the inclusion in the computation of accredited service of certain periods of service rendered States or instrumentalities of States, and for other purposes; to the Post Office and Civil Service Committee.
37. WOOL IMPORTS. S. 2967, by Sen. Cotton, to amend the Textile Fiber Products Identification Act and the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 in order to require that imported woven labels must have woven into them the name of the country where woven; to the Commerce Committee.
38. LANDS. S. 2968, by Sen. Metcalf, to amend subsection 120(f) of title 23, United States Code (to increase the Federal share payable for emergency relief in certain cases); to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee. Remarks of author, p. 15137
39. ORGANIZATION. S. 2969, by Sen. Gore, to establish a Department of Consumer Affairs; to the Government Operations Committee. Remarks of author, pp. 15137-8

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HIGHLIGHTS: Senate debated poverty bill. Sen. McGovern urged implementation of Water Resources Research Act. Sen. Dirksen inserted Republican platform including section on "Betrayal of the Farmer." Sen. Mundt asked investigation of wheat shipments to Russia. Rep. May urged public hearings on sugar legislation. Rep. Findley charged wheat sale to Russia ended economic blockade of Cuba. Rep. Langen urged passage of sugar legislation. House debated land-water conservation fund bill. House committee voted to report bill to establish Federal agricultural services to Guam.

HOUSE

1. TREASURY-POST OFFICE AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1965. House conferees were appointed on this bill, H. R. 10532. Senate conferees had already been appointed. Permission was granted for the filing of a conference report by midnight July 24. p. 15957
2. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION. Both Houses agreed to the conference report on H. R. 10300, to authorize certain construction at military installations. The bill includes a provision authorizing appropriations for military family housing,

including repayments to CCC for such housing provided in the past from the proceeds of the sale of surplus commodities. This bill will now be sent to the President. pp. 15958-9, 16072

3. RECREATION. Began debate on H. R. 3846, to establish a land-and-water conservation fund to assist the States and Federal agencies in meeting recreation needs. p. 15959-97
4. SUGAR. Rep. May criticized the executive hearings on the proposed sugar legislation and expressed her intention to fight for public hearings on this legislation. pp. 15997-9
Rep. Langen urged passage of new sugar legislation such as his own bills to increase the amount of domestic sugar which may be marketed. p. 16012
5. AREA REDEVELOPMENT. Rep. Talcott urged investigation into the operations of the Area Redevelopment Administration and inserted a letter from Reader's Digest in reply to his request for further information on its article criticizing ARA. pp. 15999-604
6. WATER RESOURCES. Rep. Chenoweth inserted Rep. Aspinall's address at the ground breaking ceremony at Reudi Reservoir on the Fryingpan-Arkansas water diversion project. pp. 16004-5
7. FOREIGN TRADE. Rep. Findley stated "the suspected transshipment to Cuba of some of the U. S. wheat sold to Russia...should surprise no one," and charged the administration's wheat sale to Russia "triggered the breakup of our economic blockade of Cuba." p. 16010
8. GUAM. The Agriculture Committee voted to report with amendment (but did not actually report) H. R. 3869, to establish Federal agricultural services in Guam. p. D576
9. INSPECTION SERVICES. The Agriculture Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) H. R. 9180, to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to furnish, upon a reimbursable basis, certain inspection services involving overtime work. p. D576
10. LANDS; FORESTRY. The Agriculture Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) H. R. 4242, with amendment, to provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the U.S. in and to certain FHA tracts of land in Pender County, N.C.; H. R. 10069, to authorize the exchange of lands adjacent to the Lassen National Forest in Calif.; S. 51, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to relinquish to Wyo. jurisdiction over certain lands in the Medicine Bow National Forest; and S. 2218, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to accept the transfer of certain national forest lands in Cocke County, Tenn. p. D576
11. WHEAT. The Agriculture Committee voted to report with amendment (but did not actually report) H. R. 10708, to provide for increased wheat acreage allotments in the Tulalake area of Calif. p. D576
12. RECLAMATION. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) H. R. 2411, to construct, operate, and maintain the Auburn-Folsom south unit, American River division, Central Valley project. p. D577
13. ALASKA. A subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee voted to report to the full

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HOUSE

1. ALASKA. Conferees were appointed on S. 2881, the Alaska relief bill. Senate conferees had already been appointed. p. 16630
2. WILDERNESS. Agreed to resolution providing for consideration of H.R. 9070, to establish a Wilderness Preservation System. pp. 16648-9
3. RECREATION. Rep. Halleck inserted his testimony before the Subcommittee on Public Lands in opposition to S. 2249, to establish the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. pp. 16651-3

4. POVERTY. The Rules Committee granted an open rule, with 6 hours of debate, on H.R. 11377, the poverty bill. p. D600
Rep. Cleveland criticized the poverty program and inserted an editorial, "Poor Excuse." p. 16655
Rep. Fogarty inserted an article, "Poverty and Health: A Vicious Circle," which discusses the effects of poor health on work capacity. p. 16658
5. DISASTER RELIEF; FEED. Both Houses received from this Department a proposed bill to facilitate pricing of feed made available for use in emergency areas, to establish penalties for misuse of feed made available for relieving distress or for preservation and maintenance of foundation herds; to House Agriculture and Senate Agriculture and Forestry Committees. pp. 16507, 16662
6. RECLAMATION. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported with amendment H.R. 1003, to make certain provisions in connection with the construction of the Garrison diversion unit, Missouri River Basin project (H. Rept. 1606). p. 16662
7. FORESTRY; PERSONNEL. The Judiciary Committee reported with amendment H.R. 3800, to authorize the waiver of collection of certain erroneous payments made by the Federal Government to certain civilian and military personnel (H. Rept. 1617); and H. R. 11546, without amendment, to validate certain payments made to employees of the Forest Service (H. Rept. 1620). p. 16662
8. LANDS; FORESTRY. The Agriculture Committee reported with amendments H.R. 4242, to provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the U.S. in and to certain FHA tracts of land in Pender County, N.C. (H. Rept. 1621); H. R. 10069, without amendment, to authorize the exchange of lands adjacent to the Lassen National Forest in Calif. (H. Rept. 1623); and S. 2218, without amendment to authorize the Secretary of Interior to accept the transfer of certain national forest lands in Cocke County, Tenn. (H. Rept. 1624). p. 16662
9. INSPECTION SERVICES. The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment H.R. 9180, to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to furnish, upon a reimbursable basis, certain inspection services involving overtime work (H. Rept. 1622). p. 16662
10. MINERALS. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee voted to report with amendment (but did not actually report) H. R. 8960, to promote the development of coal on the public domain. p. D599
11. ROADS. Agreed to certain Senate amendments with amendments to H. R. 10503, to authorize 1966-1967 appropriations for roads, including forest development roads and trails. Agreed to an amendment to authorize the use of forest development road funds on the national grasslands which are administered by the Forest Service in order to develop the national grassland areas for recreational purposes. p. 16631
12. TREASURY-POST OFFICE AND EXECUTIVE OFFICE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1965. Both Houses agreed to the conference report on this bill, H. R. 10532. The bill will now be sent to the President. pp. 16631-9, 16614-16

TRANSFER OF RESIDUAL INTEREST IN LAND IN PENDER COUNTY, N.C.

JULY 28, 1964.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. COOLEY, from the Committee on Agriculture, submitted the
following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 4242]

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4242) to provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the United States of America in and to certain tracts of land in Pender County, N.C., having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

On page 1, line 5, delete the following: "without consideration,".

On page 1, line 3, after "directed" insert the following: ", subject to the requirements of section 3 of this Act,".

Add a new section reading as follows:

SEC. 3. No conveyance shall be made under this Act unless the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, pays to the Secretary of Agriculture within one year after notification thereof, the sum of (a) the fair market value of the mineral interests conveyed under this Act, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture as of the effective date of this Act; and (b) such amount as may be fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse the United States for the administrative costs of the conveyance under this Act.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., all right, title, and interest of the United States retained in and to five parcels of tracts of land and the improvements thereon located in

Pender County, N.C. These tracts are in the hands of the board of education having been conveyed to them under prior quitclaim deeds that retained certain interests unto the United States. This provision would simply give the school board a clear title to the tracts in question.

COST

This bill would involve no cost to the United States, in that the Government would receive fair market value of the mineral interests conveyed under the provisions of this act as well as an amount to reimburse the United States for any administrative cost incurred in connection with the conveyance.

NEED FOR THE LEGISLATION

This act would perfect the title now held by the Pender County Board of Education in the five tracts of land that are the subject of this act.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The Department of Agriculture suggested three amendments to the act all of which the committee adopted.

DEPARTMENTAL POSITION

The Department of Agriculture recommended enactment of H.R. 4242 if amended as suggested. The committee so amended the bill. The Department's report follows:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D.C., November 20, 1963.

HON. HAROLD D. COOLEY,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. COOLEY: This is in reply to your request of May 29, 1963, for a report on H.R. 4242, 88th Congress, 1st session, which would authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey, without consideration, to the Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., all right, title, and interest retained in and to five parcels or tracts of land and the improvements thereon located in Pender County, N.C. These five parcels are more particularly described in the following deeds. Four of them were conveyed by the United States to the said board of education and one was conveyed by the United States to the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Inc.

(1) The quitclaim deed, dated September 22, 1941, and recorded in book 249, page 397, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, N.C., from the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Inc., to the County Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., conveying 0.430 acre, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(2) The quitclaim deed, dated December 6, 1941, and recorded in book 229, page 605, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, N.C., from the United States of America to the County Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., conveying 23.663 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(3) The correction deed, dated October 24, 1946, and recorded in book 262, page 340, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County,

N.C., from the United States of America to the County Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., conveying 23.663 and 0.78 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(4) The quitclaim deed, dated June 13, 1945, and recorded in book 255, page 573, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, N. C., from the United States of America to the Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., conveying 9.282 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(5) The quitclaim deed, dated January 18, 1946, and recorded in book 257, page 436, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, N.C., from the United States of America to the Pender County Board of Education, conveying 2.584 acres, more or less.

The above described property was a part of the old Penderlea Homestead project and was a part of lands conveyed to the United States by deed from the Federal Subsistence Homestead Corp., dated June 15, 1935, recorded in book 180, page 565, in the office of the register of deeds of Pender County, N.C.

The property described in deed (1) was conveyed to the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Inc., by deed dated July 8, 1941. This deed contained various restrictions on the use and disposal of the property and reserved unto the United States all the oil, gas, coal, and other minerals of whatsoever nature upon, in or under the property, together with the usual mining rights.

Deeds (2) and (3) reserved unto the United States all the oil, gas, coal, and other minerals of whatsoever nature. Deed (4) reserved to the United States (a) all oil and gas, coal and other minerals except as may have heretofore been vested in others and (b) water and sewer pipelines and related equipment. Deed (5) reserved unto the United States (a) three-fourths of all oil, gas, coal, and other mineral rights and (b) the water and sewer pipelines and related equipment. These reserved mineral interests have been transferred to the Department of Interior pursuant to Public Law 760, 81st Congress (7 U.S.C. 1033-1039).

The property described in the above deeds were conveyed by the United States to be used for public school and community purposes only. Our files show that the recording information set forth in the bill on deeds (2), (4), and (5) is correct. They do not show the recording information on deeds (1) and (3) but we assume that the bill shows the correct books and pages. We do not have a copy of deed (1).

The water and sewer pipelines and related equipment retained by the Government in deeds (4) and (5) were quitclaimed by the Government to the Dexdale North Carolina Co., by deed dated March 21, 1946, filed for record on April 4, 1946, in the office of the register of deeds of Pender County, N.C., and recorded in book 257, at page 529 in that office. Accordingly, we construe H.R. 4242 as providing for release and transfer of the right, title, and interest presently owned by the Government.

A 2½ acre parcel of deed (4) property was conveyed by the board of education to the trustees of the Penderlea Baptist Church by deed dated April 12, 1947. This conveyance was made pursuant to chapter 179 (H.B. 334) 1947 Session Laws of North Carolina, for a consideration of \$1. The conveyance was made subject to all of the restrictions, provisions, and other terms and limitations contained in deed (4), but was executed without approval by the Government. It is

our understanding that the church has made some improvements on the 2½ acre tract. If H.R. 4242 is enacted, the Department of Agriculture would negotiate with and convey to the board of education all of the Government's presently owned rights and interests in the tracts covered by the five deeds first described above, including those in the 2½ acre tract. This would enable the board of education to carry out any commitments it may have with the church with respect to the retained interests so acquired by the board in the 2½ acre tract.

This Department favors enactment of the bill with respect to the retained interests under its jurisdiction and concurs in the recommendation made by the Department of the Interior in its letter of October 11, 1963, to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, that the bill be amended as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 5, delete the following: "without consideration,".

(2) On page 1, line 3, after "directed" insert the following: ", subject to the requirements of section 3 of this Act,".

(3) Add a new section reading as follows:

"SEC. 3. No conveyance shall be made under this Act unless the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, pays to the Secretary of Agriculture within one year after notification thereof, the sum of (a) the fair market value of the mineral interests conveyed under this Act, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture as of the effective date of this Act; and (b) such amount as may be fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse the United States for the administrative costs of the conveyance under this Act."

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES S. MURPHY,
Under Secretary.

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88TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4242

[Report No. 1621]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 26, 1963

Mr. HENDERSON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

JULY 28, 1964

Reported with amendments, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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A BILL

To provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the United States of America in and to certain tracts of land in Pender County, North Carolina.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and ~~directed~~
4 *directed, subject to the requirements of section 3 of this Act,*
5 to take such action as may be necessary to release and trans-
6 fer, by quitclaim deed or ~~otherwise, without consideration,~~
7 *otherwise* to the Board of Education of Pender County, North
8 Carolina, all right, title, and interest retained by the United
9 States of America in and to five parcels or tracts of land and
10 the improvements thereon located in Pender County, North

1 Carolina, conveyed to the said board of education, and more
2 particularly described in the following deeds from the United
3 States of America and the Penderlea Farms Homestead
4 Association, Incorporated, listed in section 2 of this Act.

5 SEC. 2. The deeds referred to in the first section of this
6 Act are the following:

7 (1) The quitclaim deed, dated September 22, 1941,
8 and recorded in book 249, page 397, of the Pender
9 County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from
10 the Penderla Farms Homestead Association, Incorporated,
11 to the County Board of Education of Pender
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15 and recorded in book 229, page 605, of the Pender
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H. R. 4242

[Report No. 1621]

A BILL

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By Mr. HENDERSON

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HIGHLIGHTS: House committee reported Appalachia bill. House received conference report on pay bill. Senate debated foreign-aid authorization bill. House committee reported bill to establish Federal agricultural services to Guam. Rep. Olsen, Mont., submitted and discussed measure to provide that House concur in Senate amendments to meat import bill. pp. 17204, 17266-7, 17292

HOUSE

1. PAY. Received the conference report on H. R. 11049, the Federal pay bill (H. Rept. 1647). pp. 17267-82
2. D. C. APPROPRIATION BILL, 1965. Conferees were appointed on this bill, H. R. 10199. Senate conferees have already been appointed. p. 17200
3. LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1965. Conferees were appointed on this bill, H. R. 10723. Senate conferees have already been appointed. pp. 17200-2
4. ACCOUNTING. Passed under suspension of the rules H. R. 10446, to permit the use of statistical sampling procedures in the examination of vouchers. This

bill had been earlier reported with amendment (H. Rept. 1643). pp. 17244-5, 17292

5. APPALACHIA. The Public Works Committee reported with amendment H. R. 11946, the Appalachian bill (H. Rept. 1641). p. 17292
Rep. Schwengel criticized the Appalachian bill, listing some of the "grave shortcomings of this proposal." pp. 17264-6
6. GUAM. The Agriculture Committee reported with amendment, H. R. 3869, to establish Federal agricultural services to Guam (H. Rept. 1645). p. 17292
7. FORESTRY. The Agriculture Committee reported without amendment S. 51, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to relinquish to Wyo. jurisdiction over certain lands in the Medicine Bow National Forest (H. Rept. 1646). p. 17292
8. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW. Passed over without prejudice S. 1664, to provide for continuous improvement of the administrative procedure of Federal agencies by creating an Administrative Conference of the United States. p. 17206
9. COMMITTEES. Received a list showing employees, positions, and salaries of the staff of each committee. pp. 17283-92
10. PERSONNEL. Rep. Olsen, Mont., urged adoption of his bill, H. R. 8162, providing for an increase in civil service retirement benefits. pp. 17263-4
11. EDUCATION. Rep. Perkins inserted data indicating the effect of the impacted-areas laws on each congressional district. pp. 17237-41
12. POVERTY. Rep. Frelinghuysen urged defeat of the poverty bill and adoption in its place of his bill, H. R. 11050, providing "substantial sums" over a three-year period without creating "a new and entirely unnecessary Federal agency." p. 17205
13. MEAT IMPORTS. Rep. Teague, Calif., announced that he would have no objection to referring to H. R. 1839, the meat import bill, as "the Teague bill." p. 17205
Rep. Talcott spoke in favor of the meat-import restrictions bill. p. 17205
Rep. Morris stated that "the cattlemen of Australia...got the best end of the bargain" in the agreement on meat imports and that 10 percent of the excess supply of beef is coming from imports. p. 17204
14. FORESTRY; PERSONNEL. Passed without amendment, S. 2218, to authorize the Secretary of Interior to accept the transfer of certain national forest lands in Cocke Co., Tenn., for purposes of the Foothills Parkway. p. 17210
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15. INSPECTION SERVICES. Passed without amendment H. R. 9180, to enable the Secretary of Agriculture to furnish, upon a reimbursable basis, certain inspection services involving overtime work. pp. 17209-10

any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Saint Francis Levee District, Arkansas, the sum of \$17,084.80. Payment of such sum shall be in complete settlement of all claims against the United States for those damages resulting from the construction of a diversion canal for the Saint Francis River, in accordance with the plan for flood protection and major drainage improvements in the Saint Francis River Basin, Missouri and Arkansas, authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1950, which the Circuit Court of Crittenden County, Arkansas, in the cases of B. W. Jaco, Hickerson-Hays Company, W. H. Daggett, J. J. Daggett, Silas Rupert, Finest Rupert and Tom Watts against Board of Directors, Saint Francis Levee District, docket numbered 5673; C. A. Jaco against Board of Directors, Saint Francis Levee District, docket numbered 5719; Elzie Lucas and Marvin Traylor against Board of Directors, Saint Francis Levee District, docket numbered 5776; and John Willie James against Board of Directors, Saint Francis Levee District, docket numbered 5799, determined to have been caused solely by the United States but which the Saint Francis Levee District, Arkansas, was required to pay.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RELATING TO SETTLEMENT OF ADMIRALTY CLAIMS

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 11412) to amend provisions of law relating to the settlement of admiralty claims.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I wonder if someone will explain to me what is meant by admiralty claims? I am not an attorney, and I know nothing about maritime law.

Mr. ASHMORE. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. GROSS. Yes; I gladly yield to the gentleman.

Mr. ASHMORE. If I understand the gentleman correctly this pertains to situations where ships are damaged through collision or various other manner.

Mr. GROSS. Would this go to claims of individuals?

Mr. ASHMORE. It would relate to an injury occurring in the wreckage or the damage or the collision of ships or vessels.

Mr. GROSS. Well, but not to individual claims in the nature of which we get most of the bills such as overpayments?

Mr. ASHMORE. No; that would not be covered. That type claim would not be covered.

Mr. GROSS. And this has been increased from what, \$7,000 to \$10,000, the amount of the claims?

Mr. ASHMORE. From \$1,000.

Mr. GROSS. From \$1,000 to \$10,000?

Mr. ASHMORE. Yes.

Mr. GROSS. Well, that is a rather substantial increase.

Would the gentleman state why it has been increased tenfold?

Mr. ASHMORE. It is not out of line with authority in several other instances. Some of them go up to \$500,000 and probably more than that.

Mr. GROSS. This would not truly represent the inflation that has taken place in the dollar, would it? I assume that has some effect, but not quite that bad up to this point.

Mr. ASHMORE. I am not a good economist to answer that question.

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the present consideration of the bill?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections 4802(c), 4803(c), 7622(c), 7623(c), 9802(c), and 9803(c) of title 10, United States Code, are each amended by striking out the figure "\$1,000" and inserting the figure "\$10,000" in place thereof.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

VALIDATE PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN FOREST SERVICE EMPLOYEES

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 11546) to validate certain payments made to employees of the Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That overpayments made by the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, during the forest fire seasons, 1961, 1962, and 1963 to employee-members of southwestern firefighter crews from New Mexico and Arizona, whose services were used in fighting forest fires in Idaho, Nevada, California, Colorado, and Wyoming, and payments for travel time in excess of eight hours a day for travel time prior to actual start of travel, are hereby validated.

SEC. 2. The Comptroller General of the United States, or his designee, shall relieve authorized certifying and disbursing officers of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, from accountability or responsibility for any payments described in section 1 of this Act, and shall allow credits in the settlement of the accounts of these officers for payments which are found to be free from fraud and collusion.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

INTEREST IN LAND IN PENDER COUNTY, N.C.

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 4242) to provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the United States of America in and to certain tracts of land in Pender County, N.C.

There being no objection, the Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to release and transfer, by quickclaim deed or otherwise, without consideration, to

the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, all right, title, and interest retained by the United States of America in and to five parcels or tracts of land and the improvements thereon located in Pender County, North Carolina, conveyed to the said board of education, and more particularly described in the following deeds from the United States of America and the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Incorporated, listed in section 2 of this Act.

SEC. 2. The deeds referred to in the first section of this Act are the following:

(1) The quitclaim deed, dated September 22, 1941, and recorded in book 249, page 397, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Incorporated, to the County Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 430 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(2) The quitclaim deed, dated December 6, 1941, and recorded in book 229, page 605, of the Pender County Register, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the County Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 23.663 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(3) The correction deed, dated October 24, 1946, and recorded in book 262, page 340, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the County Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 23.663 and .78 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(4) The quitclaim deed, dated June 13, 1945, and recorded in book 255, page 573, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 9.282 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(5) The quitclaim deed, dated January 18, 1946, and recorded in book 257, page 436, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the Pender County Board of Education, conveying 2.584 acres, more or less.

With the following committee amendments:

One page 1, line 5, delete the following: "without consideration."

On page 1, line 3, after "directed" insert the following: ", subject to the requirements of section 3 of this Act."

Add a new section reading as follows:

"SEC. 3. No conveyance shall be made under this Act unless the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, pays to the Secretary of Agriculture within one year after notification thereof, the sum of (a) the fair market value of the mineral interests conveyed under this Act, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture as of the effective date of this Act; and (b) such amount as may be fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse the United States for the administrative costs of the conveyance under this Act."

The committee amendments were agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CLARIFICATION OF IMPORT-EXPORT OVERTIME LAW

The Clerk called the bill (H.R. 9180) to amend the act of August 28, 1950, enabling the Secretary of Agriculture to

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88TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4242

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 5, 1964

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

AN ACT

To provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the United States of America in and to certain tracts of land in Pender County, North Carolina.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed,
4 subject to the requirements of section 3 of this Act, to take
5 such action as may be necessary to release and transfer,
6 by quitclaim deed or otherwise to the Board of Education
7 of Pender County, North Carolina, all right, title, and in-
8 terest retained by the United States of America in and to
9 five parcels or tracts of land and the improvements thereon
10 located in Pender County, North Carolina, conveyed to the

1 said board of education, and more particularly described in
2 the following deeds from the United States of America and
3 the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Incorporated,
4 listed in section 2 of this Act.

5 SEC. 2. The deeds referred to in the first section of this
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8 and recorded in book 249, page 397, of the Pender
9 County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from
10 the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Incorporated,
11 to the County Board of Education of Pender
12 County, North Carolina, conveying .430 acres, more or
13 less, and the improvements thereon.

14 (2) The quitclaim deed, dated December 6, 1941,
15 and recorded in book 229, page 605, of the Pender
16 County Register, Pender County, North Carolina, from
17 the United States of America to the County Board of
18 Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying
19 23.663 acres, more or less, and the improvements
20 thereon.

21 (3) The correction deed, dated October 24, 1946,
22 and recorded in book 262, page 340, of the Pender

County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the County Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 23.663 and .78 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(4) The quitclaim deed, dated June 13, 1945, and recorded in book 255, page 573, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 9.282 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(5) The quitclaim deed, dated January 18, 1946, and recorded in book 257, page 436, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the Pender County Board of Education, conveying 2.584 acres, more or less.

SEC. 3. No conveyance shall be made under this Act unless the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, pays to the Secretary of Agriculture within one year after notification thereof, the sum of (a) the fair market value of the mineral interests conveyed under this Act, as

1 determined by the Secretary of Agriculture as of the effective
2 date of this Act; and (b) such amount as may be fixed by the
3 Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse the United States for
4 the administrative costs of the conveyance under this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives August 3, 1964.

Attest:

RALPH R. ROBERTS,

Clerk.

AN ACT

To provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the United States of America in and to certain tracts of land in Pender County, North Carolina.

AUGUST 5, 1964

Read twice and referred to the Committee on
Agriculture and Forestry

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SENATE

1. **NOMINATION.** The Agriculture and Forestry Committee voted to report (but did not actually report) the nomination of John A. Schnittker as a member of the CCC Board. p. D704
2. **FOREIGN AID.** Continued debate on H. R. 11380, the foreign-aid authorization bill. pp. 19187-97, 19203-212, 19227-33, 19239-40, 19246
3. **VEHICLES.** Passed without amendment H. R. 1341, to require passenger-carrying motor vehicles purchased for use by the Government to meet certain passenger safety standards. This bill will now be sent to the President. pp. 19220-1

4. ADMINISTRATIVE LAW. Concurred in the House amendment to S. 1664, to provide for continuous improvement of the administrative procedure of Federal agencies by creating an Administrative Conference of the U. S. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 19221
5. LABOR AND HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1965. The Appropriations Committee reported with amendments this bill, H. R. 10809 (S. Rept. 1460). p. 19170
6. RECREATION. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported without amendment H. R. 8135, to provide for establishment and administration of public recreational facilities at the Sanford Reservoir area, Canadian River project, Tex. (S. Rept. 1461). p. 19169
7. MINERAL LEASES. The Interior and Insular Affairs Committee reported without amendment S. 2500, to promote the development of phosphate on public lands (S. Rept. 1459). p. 19170

8. THE AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY COMMITTEE reported without amendment the following bills: H. R. 7588, to provide for enforcement of rules and regulations for the protection, development, and administration of the national forests and national grasslands (S. Rept. 1447); H. R. 10069, to authorize the exchange of lands adjacent to the Lassen National Forest, Calif. (S. Rept. 1448); S. 2634, to permit purchase of processed food grain products in addition to purchase of flour and cornmeal and donating the same for certain domestic and foreign purposes (S. Rept. 1446); H. R. 9747, to extend the special milk programs for the Armed Forces and veterans hospitals (S. Rept. 1454); H. R. 10419, to amend further the Farm Credit Act of 1933 to provide that part of the patronage refunds paid by a bank for cooperatives shall be in money instead of class C stock after the bank becomes subject to Federal income tax (S. Rept. 1453); and H. R. 4242, to provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the U. S. in and to certain tracts of land in Pender County, N. C. (S. Rept. 1452). p. 19170

The following bills were reported with amendment: H. R. 6601, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain land in Grand Junction, Colo. (S. Rept. 1449); S. 1253, to amend section 8(b) of the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act regarding election and terms of ASC committeemen (S. Rept. 1451); H. R. 1642, to provide for the sale of the U. S. Animal Quarantine Station, Clifton, N. J., to the city of Clifton and to provide for establishment of a new station (S. Rept. 1450). p. 19170

The Committee ordered reported (but did not actually report) S. 2687, to extend for 2 years Public Law 480, and approved 17 watershed projects. p. D704

9. THE INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS COMMITTEE voted to report (but did not actually report) the following bills: S. 2327, increasing the limit on acreage of coal leases that may be held by any person, association, or corporation in a State (amended); S. 883, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to authorize geothermal steam leases (amended); S. J. Res. 6, to cancel unpaid reimbursable construction costs of the Wind River irrigation project, Wyo., chargeable against certain non-Indian lands; S. 3053, to increase authorizations for construction of the Riverton Federal reclamation project; S. 770, providing for construction and operation of the Savery-Pot Hook Federal reclamation project, Colo. and Wyo. (amended); H. R. 130, providing for payment of compensation, including severance damages, for rights-of-way acquired by the U. S. in connection with reclamation projects begun after January 1, 1961. p. D705

The "Daily Digest" states that the Committee also reconsidered its action of July 31, when it voted to report H. R. 5498, authorizing sale of public lands not needed for Federal program requirements, agreed to amend the bill, and again voted to report (but did not actually report) the bill. p. D705

SALE OF RESERVED MINERAL INTERESTS, PENDER COUNTY, N.C.

AUGUST 17, 1964.—Ordered to be printed

MR. JORDAN of North Carolina, from the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 4242]

The Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 4242) to provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the United States of America in and to certain tracts of land in Pender County, N.C., having considered the same, report thereon with a recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

This bill would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell at fair market value to the Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., reserved mineral interests in five parcels of land located in Pender County. These parcels were conveyed to the board of education under prior quitclaim deeds that retained certain mineral interests to the United States. The bill would simply give the school board a clear title to the tracts in question.

COST

The bill would involve no cost to the United States since it would receive the fair market value of the mineral interests and an amount to reimburse it for any administrative cost incurred in connection with the conveyance.

DEPARTMENTAL POSITION

The Department of Agriculture recommended enactment of H.R. 4242 if amended as suggested. The House has so amended the bill. The Department's report follows:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, D.C., November 20, 1963.

HON. HAROLD D. COOLEY,
*Chairman, Committee on Agriculture,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. COOLEY: This is in reply to your request of May 29, 1963, for a report on H.R. 4242, 88th Congress, 1st session, which would authorize and direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey, without consideration, to the Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., all right, title and interest retained in and to five parcels or tracts of land and the improvements thereon located in Pender County, N.C. These five parcels are more particularly described in the following deeds. Four of them were conveyed by the United States to the said board of education and one was conveyed by the United States to the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Inc.

(1) The quitclaim deed, dated September 22, 1941, and recorded in book 249, page 397, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, N.C., from the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Inc., to the County Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., conveying 0.430 acre, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(2) The quitclaim deed, dated December 6, 1941, and recorded in book 229, page 605, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, N.C., from the United States of America to the County Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., conveying 23.663 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(3) The correction deed, dated October 24, 1946, and recorded in book 262, page 340, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, N.C., from the United States of America to the County Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., conveying 23.663 and 0.78 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(4) The quitclaim deed, dated June 13, 1945, and recorded in book 255, page 573, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, N.C., from the United States of America to the Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., conveying 9.282 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(5) The quitclaim deed, dated January 18, 1946, and recorded in book 257, page 436, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, N.C., from the United States of America to the Pender County Board of Education, conveying 2.584 acres, more or less.

The above described property was a part of the old Penderlea Homestead project and was a part of lands conveyed to the United States by deed from the Federal Subsistence Homestead Corp., dated June 15, 1935, recorded in book 180, page 565, in the office of the register of deeds of Pender County, N.C.

The property described in deed (1) was conveyed to the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Inc., by deed dated July 8, 1941. This deed contained various restrictions on the use and disposal of the property and reserved unto the United States all the oil, gas, coal, and other minerals of whatsoever nature upon, in or under the property, together with the usual mining rights.

Deeds (2) and (3) reserved unto the United States all the oil, gas, coal, and other minerals of whatsoever nature. Deed (4) reserved to the United States (a) all oil and gas, coal and other minerals except as

may have heretofore been vested in others and (b) water and sewer pipelines and related equipment. Deed (5) reserved unto the United States (a) three-fourths of all oil, gas, coal, and other mineral rights and (b) the water and sewer pipelines and related equipment. These reserved mineral interests have been transferred to the Department of Interior pursuant to Public Law 760, 81st Congress (7 U.S.C. 1033-1039).

The property described in the above deeds were conveyed by the United States to be used for public school and community purposes only. Our files show that the recording information set forth in the bill on deeds (2), (4), and (5) is correct. They do not show the recording information on deeds (1) and (3) but we assume that the bill shows the correct books and pages. We do not have a copy of deed (1).

The water and sewer pipelines and related equipment retained by the Government in deeds (4) and (5) were quitclaimed by the Government to the Dexdale North Carolina Co., by deed dated March 21, 1946, filed for record on April 4, 1946, in the office of the register of deeds of Pender County, N.C., and recorded in book 257, at page 529 in that office. Accordingly, we construe H.R. 4242 as providing for release and transfer of the right, title, and interest presently owned by the Government.

A 2½-acre parcel of deed (4) property was conveyed by the board of education to the trustees of the Penderlea Baptist Church by deed dated April 12, 1947. This conveyance was made pursuant to chapter 179 (H.B. 334) 1947 Session Laws of North Carolina, for a consideration of \$1. The conveyance was made subject to all of the restrictions, provisions, and other terms and limitations contained in deed (4), but was executed without approval by the Government. It is our understanding that the church has made some improvements on the 2½-acre tract. If H.R. 4242 is enacted, the Department of Agriculture would negotiate with and convey to the board of education all of the Government's presently owned rights and interests in the tracts covered by the five deeds first described above, including those in the 2½-acre tract. This would enable the board of education to carry out any commitments it may have with the church with respect to the retained interests so acquired by the board in the 2½-acre tract.

This Department favors enactment of the bill with respect to the retained interests under its jurisdiction and concurs in the recommendation made by the Department of the Interior in its letter of October 11, 1963, to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, that the bill be amended as follows:

(1) On page 1, line 5, delete the following: "without consideration,".

(2) On page 1, line 3, after "directed" insert the following: ", subject to the requirements of section 3 of this Act,".

(3) Add a new section reading as follows:

"SEC. 3. No conveyance shall be made under this Act unless the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, pays to the Secretary of Agriculture within one year after notification thereof, the

sum of (a) the fair market value of the mineral interests conveyed under this Act, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture as of the effective date of this Act; and (b) such amount as may be fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse the United States for the administrative costs of the conveyance under this Act."

The Bureau of the Budget advises that there is no objection to the presentation of this report from the standpoint of the administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

CHARLES S. MURPHY,
Under Secretary.

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88TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4242

[Report No. 1452]

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 5, 1964

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry

AUGUST 17, 1964

Reported by Mr. JORDAN of North Carolina, without amendment

AN ACT

To provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the United States of America in and to certain tracts of land in Pender County, North Carolina.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed,
4 subject to the requirements of section 3 of this Act, to take
5 such action as may be necessary to release and transfer,
6 by quitclaim deed or otherwise to the Board of Education
7 of Pender County, North Carolina, all right, title, and in-
8 terest retained by the United States of America in and to
9 five parcels or tracts of land and the improvements thereon
10 located in Pender County, North Carolina, conveyed to the

1 said board of education, and more particularly described in
2 the following deeds from the United States of America and
3 the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Incorporated,
4 listed in section 2 of this Act.

5 SEC. 2. The deeds referred to in the first section of this
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12 County, North Carolina, conveying .430 acres, more or
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16 County Register, Pender County, North Carolina, from
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18 Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying
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20 thereon.

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24 the United States of America to the County Board of
25 Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying

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(4) The quitclaim deed, dated June 13, 1945, and recorded in book 255, page 573, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 9.282 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(5) The quitclaim deed, dated January 18, 1946, and recorded in book 257, page 436, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the Pender County Board of Education, conveying 2.584 acres, more or less.

SEC. 3. No conveyance shall be made under this Act unless the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, pays to the Secretary of Agriculture within one year after notification thereof, the sum of (a) the fair market value of the mineral interests conveyed under this Act, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture as of the effective date of this Act; and (b) such amount as may be fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse the United States for the administrative costs of the conveyance under this Act.

Passed the House of Representatives August 3, 1964.

Attest:

RALPH R. ROBERTS,

Clerk.

AN ACT

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AUGUST 5, 1964

Read twice and referred to the Committee on
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AUGUST 17, 1964

Reported without amendment

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HIGHLIGHTS: Both Houses passed resolution for continuing appropriations. Both Houses agreed to conference report on meat-import bill. House received conference report on housing bill. Sen. Humphrey discussed farm program. Sen. Hruska criticized grazing land subsidy provision in Appalachia bill. Senate committee reported bill to extend Public Law 480. Senate passed bill to extend Armed Forces special milk program.

SENATE

1. FOREIGN AID. Continued debate on H. R. 11380, the foreign-aid authorization bill. pp. 19361-75, 19381-3, 19386-9
2. FARM PROGRAM. Sen. Humphrey called for a reexamination of "our entire governmental control mechanism to see whether it is helping us to develop a rational agricultural policy," and urged the formation of a "bipartisan blue ribbon commission" to examine past agricultural policies and to develop policies for the future. pp. 19424-7

3. APPALACHIA. Sen. Hruska criticized the section of the Appalachia bill which would permit subsidy payments for the development or improvement of pasture to increase the production of beef cattle in Appalachia, and submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him eliminating this section. p. 19435
4. HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE APPROPRIATION BILL, 1965. Sen. Lausche submitted an amendment, intended to be proposed by him, to eliminate the \$1.5 million item for preliminary work on an Environmental Health Center in D. C. p. 19383
5. COFFEE. Insisted upon its amendments to H. R. 8864, implementing the International Coffee Agreement of 1962, and agreed to a further conference. Conferencees were appointed. p. 19414
6. PUBLIC LAW 480. The Agriculture and Forestry Committee reported with amendment S. 2687, to extend Public Law 480 (S. Rept. 1467). p. 19352
7. MILK. Passed without amendment H. R. 9747, to extend for 3 years the special milk programs for the Armed Forces and veterans hospitals. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 19419
8. FORESTS. Passed without amendment H. R. 7588, to provide for enforcement of rules and regulations for the protection, development, and administration of the national forests and national grasslands. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 19408
9. LANDS. Passed without amendment H. R. 10069, to authorize the exchange of lands adjacent to the Lassen National Forest, Calif. This bill will now be sent to the President. pp. 19408-9
Passed as reported H. R. 6601, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell certain land in Grand Junction, Colo. p. 19409
Passed without amendment S. 2500, to amend section 27 of the Mineral Leasing Act to promote the development of phosphate on public domain. p. 19418
Passed without amendment H. R. 4242, to provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the U. S. in and to certain tracts of land in Pender County, N. C. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 19416
10. RESEARCH; QUARANTINE. Passed as reported H. R. 1642, to provide for the sale of the U. S. Animal Quarantine Station, Clifton, N. J., to the city of Clifton to provide for the establishment of a new station. p. 19409
11. COOPERATIVES. Passed without amendment H. R. 10419, to amend further the Farm Credit Act of 1933 to provide that part of the patronage refunds paid by a bank for cooperatives shall be in money instead of class C stock after the bank becomes subject to Federal income tax. This bill will now be sent to the President. p. 19416
12. FISHERIES. The Commerce Committee reported with amendments S. J. Res. 174, to authorize and direct the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries to conduct a survey of the marine and fresh-water commercial fishery resources of the U. S., its territories, and possessions (S. Rept. 1469). p. 19353
13. WEATHER BUREAU. The Commerce Committee reported without amendment S. 2315, to authorize the Weather Bureau to make appropriate reimbursement between the respective appropriations available to the Bureau (S. Rept. 1470). p. 19352

the first account still remaining unpaid and that this would be viewed as a traditional installment sale for purposes of this time-price differential provision?

Mr. HARTKE. I completely agree with the minority leader that this was the intention of the Finance Committee when it adopted this amendment.

Mr. DIRKSEN. I may say, by way of clarification, that this matter has been of considerable difficulty to the Finance Committee. We have had varying reports from the Treasury Department as to whether there would be windfalls or accidental gains ranging anywhere from \$18 million to \$100 million. I understand that everybody who had some interest in the matter has accepted the amendment, and that it is acceptable to the majority and minority.

Mr. HARTKE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD at this point a copy of a letter from the Treasury Department favoring the bill.

Mr. DIRKSEN. I understood from the Treasury that it was sending such a letter to the Finance Committee. I think it will further qualify the position of the Treasury Department.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Washington, D.C., August 18, 1964.

Hon. HARRY F. BYRD,
Chairman, Committee on Finance,
U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: As requested by the Committee on Finance we have examined a further amendment approved this day by the committee to H.R. 98. We had previously reported to the committee in our letter dated August 17, 1964, on prior amendments made by the committee.

As previously reported by the Finance Committee, H.R. 98 contained an amendment which would repeal section 453(e) of the Internal Revenue Code, relating to revolving credit plans and added by the Revenue Act of 1964. The action taken by the Finance Committee this morning, while retaining the repeal of section 453(e) of the present code, would amend section 453 of the code to provide that in the case of a revolving credit-type plan, the income from which may be reported on the installment method, customer payments shall be treated as applying first against finance charges.

Under present law and regulations finance charges under revolving credit-type plans which are billed monthly are not a part of the contract price for purposes of the installment method. In addition, the regulations provide that a customer's payment shall be applied first to the earliest amounts charged to his account.

The proposed amendment to section 453(e) provides that customer's payments will be applied first to finance charges previously charged to his account irrespective of the month of billing. This will have the effect of reducing account balances at the end of such years which are attributable to finance charges and increasing account balances which qualify for deferment under the installment method subject to the other requirements of the regulations. The provision of the regulations which would be altered by the amendment resolved a difficult technical question in a manner believed appropriate. The question involved was somewhat complex and the answer provided by the reg-

ulations was the result which it was thought was required under existing law. The decision made by the committee is certainly an appropriate resolution of this question.

The proposed amendment would apply only to revolving credit-type plans and is not intended to change existing law with respect to traditional installment plans where charges are determined at the time of sale and added to the established cash selling price of the article sold. Such carrying charges are already deferrable as a part of the installment contract price.

In our previous letter we indicated that the outright repeal of section 453(e) would result in a one-time revenue gain of about \$100 million. It is now estimated that this latest amendment would reduce this gain by approximately \$20 million.

The Treasury Department believes that the amendments made by the committee to H.R. 98, including this latest amendment, considered as a unit, are appropriate. The Department would thus favor the bill as amended.

Sincerely yours,

STANLEY S. SURREY,
Assistant Secretary.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendments be considered and agreed to en bloc, and that the bill be considered as original text for the purpose of amendment.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Mr. HARTKE. Mr. President, I offer an amendment which I send to the desk and ask to have stated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The amendment of the Senator from Indiana will be stated.

The LEGISLATIVE CLERK. On page 3, it is proposed to strike out lines 18 and 19 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

(b) Section 453(e) of such Code (relating to revolving credit type plans) is amended to read as follows:

"(e) Carrying Charges Not Included in Total Contract Price.—If the carrying charges or interest with respect to sales of personal property, the income from which is returned under subsection (a) (1), is not included in the total contract price, payments received with respect to such sales shall be treated as applying first against such carrying charges or interest. This subsection shall not apply with respect to sales or other dispositions of property the income from which is, under subsection (b), returned on the basis and in the manner prescribed in subsection (a) (1)."

Mr. HARTKE. Mr. President, the amendment which I am offering to H.R. 98 on behalf of the Finance Committee, is concerned with the amendment added by the Finance Committee relating to the installment method of reporting for tax purposes.

The provision as reported by the Senate Finance Committee provides that interest, carrying charges, or time price differentials in traditional installment sales are to be considered as a part of the contract price—and therefore reported for tax purposes on the installment basis—where the taxpayer adds these interest or carrying charges on his books of account to the cash selling price of the property.

Secondly, the bill as reported also repeals the provision relating to revolving

credit type plans adopted in the Revenue Act of 1964 and restores the regulations previously in effect with respect to revolving credit.

In the Revenue Act of 1964, Congress provided that installment plans were to include revolving credit type plans except where the purchaser used the plan primarily as an ordinary charge account. The regulations issued on October 15, 1963, had previously set forth a procedure for determining what proportion of revolving credit plans were to be treated as installment plans. The amendment made by the committee repealed the 1964 act amendment and restored these regulations.

The amendment to the bill that I am offering today has been considered by the Finance Committee and has the approval of the committee.

This amendment provides that in those cases where carrying charges or interest relating to the sale of personal property eligible for installment plan treatment under the tax laws are not included in the "total contract price"—and therefore the carrying or interest charges are themselves not eligible for installment plan treatment—the payments received with respect to the sales will be treated as applying first against the carrying charges or interest.

The principal sales which themselves are treated as installment sales, but the carrying or interest charges relating thereto are not also treated as part of the installment sale, are the revolving credit sales which the Treasury Department in its regulations issued last year specified were eligible for installment plan treatment. Presently the regulations provide that a customer's payment in these cases is to be applied first to the earliest charge on his account. Finance charges which are determined monthly are considered charged to the account after any sales made during the month. The effect of this is that the account balances at the end of the year include a disproportionate accumulation of finance charges which are not deferrable under the installment method.

My amendment provides that customers' payments in these cases will be applied first to finance charges irrespective of the month of billing. As a result, the account balances at the year end in most cases will not be attributable to finance charges and therefore will qualify for deferment as installment charges.

The amendment is not intended to change existing law with respect to traditional installment plans where charges are determined at the time of sale and added to the established cash selling price of the article sold. The application of the amendment to such carrying charges under traditional plans has no effect since they are already deferrable as a part of the contract price.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the amendment offered by the Senator from Indiana.

The amendment was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill is open to further amendment.

If there be no further amendments to be proposed, the question is on the engrossment of the amendments and the third reading of the bill.

The amendments were ordered to be engrossed and the bill to be read a third time.

The bill was read the third time and passed.

The title was amended, so as to read: "An act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with respect to exportation of imported distilled spirits, wines, and beer, and with respect to the total contract price of sales of personal property on the installment plan."

THE CALENDAR

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that certain measures on the calendar, starting with Calendar No. 1387, H.R. 4242, and the rest of the measures on that page of the calendar be considered in sequence.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have inserted in the RECORD, at the appropriate places, extracts from reports and other pertinent material relative to the measures being considered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

On request of Mr. MANSFIELD, and by unanimous consent, the following measures were considered and acted upon, as indicated:

TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LANDS IN PENDER COUNTY, N.C.

The bill (H.R. 4242) to provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the United States in certain land in Pender County, N.C., was considered, ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD an excerpt from the report (No. 1452), explaining the purposes of the bill.

There being no objection, the excerpt was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

This bill would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell at fair market value to the Board of Education of Pender County, N.C., reserved mineral interests in five parcels of land located in Pender County. These parcels were conveyed to the board of education under prior quitclaim deeds that retained certain mineral interests to the United States. The bill would simply give the school board a clear title to the tracts in question.

The bill would involve no cost to the United States since it would receive the fair market value of the mineral interests and an amount to reimburse it for any administrative cost incurred in connection with the conveyance.

AMENDMENT TO FARM CREDIT ACT OF 1933

The bill (H.R. 10419) to amend the Farm Credit Act of 1933 to provide that part of the patronage refunds paid by a bank for cooperatives shall be in money instead of class C stocks was considered,

ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD an excerpt from the report (No. 1453), explaining the purposes of the bill.

There being no objection, the excerpt was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

This bill would enable the banks for cooperatives to pay patronage refunds in cash (rather than class C stock) to the extent necessary to make that part of their net savings applied to surplus accounts, reserves for contingencies, and patronage refunds taxable to their patrons rather than to the banks, thus avoiding double taxation in the manner permitted other cooperatives.

Net savings of the banks applied to surplus accounts and reserves for contingencies are not immediately payable as patronage refunds and would not become so under the bill. They are, however, allocated on a patronage basis and become available for distribution as patronage refunds when they are not needed for reserves and can be distributed without reducing the surplus account below an amount equal to 25 percent of the capital stock. They are, therefore, considered patronage dividends under the tax law and can be excluded from the taxable income of the bank if an amount of the patronage refunds equal to 20 percent of the net savings applied to surplus, reserves, and patronage refunds is paid in cash and the patron consents to have all of the savings so applied included in its gross income. Remaining a member of a cooperative after notice that the cooperative has adopted a bylaw requiring such consent constitutes such consent. The Farm Credit Administration contemplates the adoption of such bylaws by the banks.

At present patronage refunds can be paid only in class C stock, and the banks may retire class C stock only after all class A (Government) stock, all class B (investor) stock issued for the same fiscal period, and all class C stock of earlier issue have been retired. The bill would be effective for any bank only after all its class A stock has been retired; and the Farm Credit Administration advises that it contemplates no objections from class B or C stockholders, or adverse effect on the banks' financial condition, as a result of paying a part of the patronage refund in cash.

The bill would be applicable to any bank only when it becomes subject to Federal income tax. So long as they have any class A (Government) stock outstanding, they are exempt under 12 U.S.C. 1138c. The Government investment in one or two banks may be retired in 1965.

There are 13 banks for cooperatives, 1 in each of the 12 farm credit districts into which the United States is divided, with from 1 to 8 States in each district, and a central bank for cooperatives in Washington, D.C. Their function is to make loans to eligible farmers' cooperative associations engaged in marketing farm products, purchasing farm supplies, or furnishing farm business services (12 U.S.C. 1134c, 1141j). The banks for cooperatives were chartered by the Governor of the Farm Credit Administration under the Farm Credit Act of 1933 and today operate under that act as it has since been amended.

Aside from their capital and surplus, the banks obtain funds with which to make loans principally by selling their consolidated collateral trust debentures to the investing public. All 13 of the banks are liable for payment of the debentures and the collateral pledged for their payment consists largely of the loans made to farmers' cooperatives.

The initial capital of each bank for cooperatives was provided by the United States out of a revolving fund made available for that purpose. While each borrower was required to own a certain amount of capital stock in the bank at the time a loan was made, that capital stock could be retired after a loan was repaid if the borrower so requested and such retirement was customary. It was not until about 8 years ago that the Farm Credit Act of 1933 was amended by the Farm Credit Act of 1955 to provide effectively for the retirement of Government capital.

Under the 1955 amendments, the capital stock of the banks for cooperatives was divided into three classes with a par value of \$100 per share: class A held by the United States; class B which may be sold for investment and on which dividends up to 4 percent a year may be paid; and class C which generally is issued only to farmers' cooperative associations that borrow from the bank and entitles them to vote. Aside from the qualifying share of class C stock which each borrower must own when it obtains a loan, a borrower must also invest quarterly in class C stock an amount equal to from 10 to 25 percent of the interest paid on its loan, and still further class C stock is issued to the borrowers as patronage refunds each year. In general the minimum amount of Government (class A) stock to be retired each year is the equivalent in dollar value of the class C stock issue for that year. At least one of the banks for cooperatives is expected to retire all of its Government capital by July 1, 1965, at which time it will become subject to Federal income tax. The proceeds of such retirements are paid into the revolving fund which now consists of \$69,088,900 credit in the Treasury and \$80,911,100 invested in capital stock of the banks for a total of \$150 million. This revolving fund continues to be available for investment in capital stock of the banks if necessary.

In addition to providing for gradual retirement of Government capital, as the borrowers acquired more and more capital stock, the 1955 amendments also changed the method of operation of the banks for cooperatives to a cooperative basis in other important respects. Effective since January 1, 1956, section 36 of the Farm Credit Act of 1933 requires that a bank determine the amount of its net savings each year, after paying or providing for all operating expenses, and then specifies how such savings are to be applied. After restoring any impairment of capital stock, 25 percent of such savings are used to create and maintain a surplus account. These amounts and savings used to establish contingency reserves, if any, are required to be allocated to the borrowers on a patronage basis and eventually such allocations may be distributed in class C stock of the bank. Any remaining savings not required or permitted to be applied otherwise must be paid to the borrowers on a patronage basis in Class C stock. Such allocations and refunds constitute the patronage dividends paid by a bank for cooperatives. While the class C stock eventually may be called for retirement and redeemed in money, existing farm credit law does not permit any part of the patronage dividends each year to be paid in money. H.R. 10419 would make a portion of such patronage dividends payable in money each year as explained in more detail later.

As each bank for cooperatives retires all of the stock held in it by the United States, the bank will become subject to Federal income tax, i.e., the normal taxes and surtaxes imposed by chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code. Because a bank for cooperatives does business on a cooperative basis, the tax treatment of the bank and its borrowers with respect to patronage dividends paid by



Public Law 88-544
88th Congress, H. R. 4242
August 31, 1964

An Act

78 STAT. 750.

To provide for the release and transfer of all right, title, and interest of the United States of America in and to certain tracts of land in Pender County, North Carolina.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed, subject to the requirements of section 3 of this Act, to take such action as may be necessary to release and transfer, by quitclaim deed or otherwise to the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, all right, title, and interest retained by the United States of America in and to five parcels or tracts of land and the improvements thereon located in Pender County, North Carolina, conveyed to the said board of education, and more particularly described in the following deeds from the United States of America and the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Incorporated, listed in section 2 of this Act.

Pender County,
North Carolina.
Lands.

SEC. 2. The deeds referred to in the first section of this Act are the following:

(1) The quitclaim deed, dated September 22, 1941, and recorded in book 249, page 397, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the Penderlea Farms Homestead Association, Incorporated, to the County Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying .430 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(2) The quitclaim deed, dated December 6, 1941, and recorded in book 229, page 605, of the Pender County Register, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the County Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 23.663 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(3) The correction deed, dated October 24, 1946, and recorded in book 262, page 340, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the County Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 23.663 and .78 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(4) The quitclaim deed, dated June 13, 1945, and recorded in book 255, page 573, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, conveying 9.282 acres, more or less, and the improvements thereon.

(5) The quitclaim deed, dated January 18, 1946, and recorded in book 257, page 436, of the Pender County Registry, Pender County, North Carolina, from the United States of America to the Pender County Board of Education, conveying 2.584 acres, more or less.

SEC. 3. No conveyance shall be made under this Act unless the Board of Education of Pender County, North Carolina, pays to the Secretary of Agriculture within one year after notification thereof, the sum of (a) the fair market value of the mineral interests conveyed under this Act, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture as of the effective date of this Act; and (b) such amount as may be fixed by the Secretary of Agriculture to reimburse the United States for the administrative costs of the conveyance under this Act.

Approved August 31, 1964.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 1621 (Comm. on Agriculture).

SENATE REPORT No. 1452 (Comm. on Agriculture & Forestry).

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